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SUBJECT: ITALIAN RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA

1. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PUT OUT A STATEMENT ON
RELATIONS WITH THE NEW CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE
USUAL FORM, I.E. "FARNESINA CIRCLES INDICATE....." THE
TEXT OF THE STATEMENT AS CARRIED BY ANZA IS AS FOLLOWS:

"ONE LEARNS AT THE FARNESINA THAT THE ITALIAN
EMBASSY AT PEKING HAS BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS
TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL
UNITY OF CAMBODIA THAT ITALY WILL MAINTAIN
RELATIONS WITH IT WITH THE INTENTION OF CONSOLIDATING
THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA."

2. POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL ROBERTO DUCCI EXPLAINED
TO CHARGE' TODAY THAT THE ITALIANS WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT
THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN METHOD OF RECOGNIZING STATES
AND THUS BE FREED FROM THE NEED TO MAKE A CHOICE AS
REGARDS REGIMES. HOWEVER, THE GOI IS HOOKED BY ITS
PROBLEMS WITH CHILE WHERE, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL
REASONS, IT CANNOT RECOGNIZE THE PINOCHET REGIME. DUCCI
STRESSED THAT THE ITALIAN STATEMENT IS A MOVE TOWARD THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH CAREFULLY AVOIDS
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THE USE OF THE WORD "RECOGNITION."

3. THERE IS NO ITALIAN MISSION TO PHNOM PENH BUT THE
AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON IS ACCREDITED THERE. UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOI DECIDED IT WAS PERHAPS BETTER TO
HAVE THEIR AMBASSADOR IN PEKING APPROACH THE CAMBODIANS
THERE.BEAUDRY

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